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## Letter from Annie Adams Fields, New York, to Anne Whitney, 1876 December 19

Annie Adams Fields

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Fifth Avenue Hotel. N. Y.  
Dec. 19. 1876.

Dear Anne Whitney:

Do you remember  
having the worst cold you ever had in  
your life last autumn? Well! I have  
had one to match it now, but I see  
the monster vanishing like the genie  
of old in a cloud of smoke in the  
distance and begin to feel myself  
another Phoenix arising from the ashes!

We are coming home this week!  
How good it will seem to see your  
dear face again and to tread the same  
- what opinionated pavements of our  
native town.

I have seen something of Cincinnati  
Chicago and New York / not to speak of  
places between these great points  
and, let us trust to some good end!  
Cincinnati impresses me as having  
quite as much native artistic feeling  
and ambition as any place we know



The physical atmosphere there being full of mist and cloud dropping which savors more of oriental than of New England character.

I was really charmed with the natural gifts of the place, the long overhanging hills, on which the residences are chiefly built, and the soft climate. They have one old gentleman, too, among them, Mr. Joseph Longworth, who would serve to recommend a new itinerant.

I need hardly tell you that our Lectures have been very successful everywhere. They have popular elements in them combined with a power for sincerely provoking a taste for literature which allows them to carry the day in spite of our sad election troubles and the present agony of doubt which really overshadows everything.

I am sure you have been deeply interested in Dr. Schliemann's discoveries and in the purchase of the Kouros.

treasures from General di Cesnola. How fast the old bible tale of years seems to be disappearing under these discoveries and modern science.

Marzoli seems to be getting the most astonishing collection of bad statues possible to imagine. The holy rage of the next generation will be turned let us trust, upon their destruction.

But why do I talk of these things when I hope we are so soon to meet. Is your own fire-side as seductive as sweet old Aberg when we parted?

With my love to Miss Manning who is with you I fancy by this time, believe me

yours as always

Auntie Freda.